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Costs for Cultural Center

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In resubmitting the budget for 26 151 I attach the cost estimate made by Jim Ross for the Cultural Center. You will note that this estimate falls in two parts: Renovation and Equipment. I believe that I must have misled Jim on the nature of the project. My understanding and I believe that of all the parties in the original negotiations, was that no equipment costs (except some minor items) were involved in the new Center. Bruce Gill's list in his request comprises items already in Adirondack House, e.g., lounge furniture from the old Faculty Lounge, etc. If any additional "things" were needed it was supposed that they could be shaken out of storage. Hence, I am simply eliminating all items under equipment with the possible exception of a dance bar, mirror, and oven. We are also eliminating the renovation of the north end of the upstairs into a Dance Studio and the item for painters since the BSMU students have wanted to do the painting themselves. Elimination of these items should make a $2500 budget realistic.

I have discussed the changes with Lillian, Arnold, Jim and Erica. We have also done an on-site inspection of the facility. In the light of our discussions we agree to the following regarding Jim's memo:

1. The question of "installation of identical lighting in the other half of the lounge" in Bruce's memo was a misunderstanding and therefore there is no problem here.

2. We agreed to leaving the room closets in place.

3. The major work to be done in the bathroom will be putting a lock on the inside of the main door for privacy purposes and the general preparation of the wall surfaces for painting. The painting will actually be done by the BSMU people. After an on-site inspection we saw no particular reason for any plumbing changes.

4. We have eliminated the reconstruction of the north space for a dance studio, but are advocating placing of a dance bar on the east wall of the main lounge between the large window and the current kitchen. As to mirrors, we expect that some large portable mirror arrangement in sections would be possible and within the budget.

5. Arrangements for a dance bar are acceptable.

6. For outfitting the kitchen the only thing that would be highly desirable is a small oven in the downstairs kitchen to complement the already existing cooking facilities there. My guess is that this can be fitted in under the $2000 budget.

7. This item has been eliminated.

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